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A Woman Of Mark

This Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, who, the dispatches say, is about to start on a tour of the world to study the conditions of work and wages of women and children in the Orient, has for years been known as one of the foremost orators among women, in the United States. In the early days of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union she was one of its most effective leaders and organizers. At one time she was a very formidable rival of Miss Frances E. Willard for the leadership of the Union. Mrs. Foster was the leader of the element in the union which was for maintaining the non-partisan attitude on which the organization was originally founded. While Miss Willard and her followers insisted on the organization allying itself with the National Prohibition party. The controversy raged for two or three years, but Miss Willard and her followers finally won. From that time forward the Woman's Christian Temperance Union gradually lost the commanding position it had held as an influence for the active forwarding of temperance and total abstinence sentiment. It spread out its endeavors into other fields. It has established institutions and work that have done and are doing an immense amount of good. It has united the efforts of many noble and excellent women in altruistic work of the highest worth. But when it allied itself to a political party and changed its character from a moral to a political organization on the temperance question, it did just what Mrs. Foster said it would do—it surrendered its primacy in the temperance field.

Mrs. Foster has been a remarkably active woman in many fields of endeavor. She studied law and practiced it with success, until recognition of her abilities led to her call to wider fields of usefulness in reform movements. She is a wonderful organizer and in more than one presidential campaign her efficient work has been recognized by the Republican National Committee, for on political questions she is a staunch and enthusiastic Republican. In later years she has devoted herself much to periodical literature, and has been one of the efficient reorganizers of the Red Cross Society bringing it out of the difficulties into which it was plunged by the actions and the dissensions stirred up by Clara Barton.

Russia And Japan

The difficulties which beset the Russian Empire seem to grow more serious every day. The longer the negotiations for peace are delayed the greater will be the loss to Russian prestige. Unless some means through diplomacy be taken to check the impending engagement between Oyama and Linévitch, the Russians will sustain as severe a blow as was the battle of Mukden. The bold Japanese Fox moves in a way that seems deliberate, yet the fighting that the Japanese have done in the present war is astonishing and exceeds anything that even the Great Napoleon accomplished during any war in the nineteen years of his dramatic career. There is nothing that Russia can do but make peace. It would be far more sensible for her to pay the cash indemnity demanded by Japan than to allow the war to continue. As sure as the war continues, the end of the present year will see the Japanese in absolute control of the sea coast of Siberia, and with the loss of that amount of territory falls the prestige of Russian Empire in the Far East. The loss of territory by Russia would put that Empire back in empire progress a generation. She can not afford to lose territory and the fact that she has consented to open negotiations for peace is strongly indicative of the fact that of the dilemma, she is choosing the lesser and has about made up her mind to pay some indemnity. Naturally there will be a great deal of haggling over this feature of the terms and the cession of the Island of Saghalien is also likely to prove another serious cause for hitch in the progress of the negotiations.

But it will be useless for Russia to try to temporize with the Japanese representatives as she did during the negotiations which preceded the present war. The Japanese are not a race to tolerate trifling, and least of all, will they tolerate delay from their once feared enemy. The Japanese will enter upon the peace negotiations with a concise well defined purpose and they will consistently insist upon their demands. If there be any signs of haggling upon the part of the Russian representatives, the negotiations will beyond doubt be terminated by the Japanese and the war be continued.

Party Regularity

They have questions of party regularity elsewhere than in Hawaii. Even so eminent a man as the President and as one of his recent appointees to a cabinet position has been assailed on this point. This is what the Washington Star says about the matter as it has arisen in connection with Charles J. Bonaparte, the new Secretary of the Navy:

"The appearance of Mr. Bonaparte at the meeting of the Republican state central committee of Maryland should set at rest, for a time at least, the question of his politics and the propriety of the President's action in calling him to a seat at the cabinet table. When the appointment was first announced it was asserted in some quarters that Mr. Bonaparte was not a Republican; that he would never become one, and that the party in Maryland had been both slighted and affronted in his selection. Undoubtedly there were prominent Republicans in the state who felt that the President had ignored legitimate party claims and gone far afield for an adviser.

"There was much to be said on the other side of the matter, including the fact that Mr. Bonaparte had headed the Republican electoral ticket in Maryland last year and been the only man on the ticket elected. But, with much force and an excellent stroke of diplomacy, Mr. Bonaparte yesterday took up the question in its relation to the situation of today and declared himself with all desirable frankness. The Democratic party of Maryland is committed to a policy respecting the suffrage which strikes at the highest rights and the best interests of the citizens of the state. If the policy is indorsed at the polls next November a political ring, deeply discredited by its past performances, will, as Mr. Bonaparte believes, come into complete control of the state's affairs again. He is opposed to the ring and its purposes, as the Republican party is, and he calls upon all men who share his and its views to bestir themselves in an effort to defeat Mr. Gorman's end.

"Here, then, we have an issue stated and lines drawn. On the one side is the Democratic organization of Maryland, led by its ablest representative, and aiming at a confessed and an important object. On the other side the Republican party stands solidly arrayed; and united with it are many independents who in the same company participated in the campaigns of 1896 and 1900, when McKinley so signally triumphed in the state, and in the campaign of last year, when Parker squeezed through by the narrowest of majorities. Mr. Bonaparte may well lead this fight on the Republican side, and his part in the campaign should be a notable one."

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The Star has interviewed a number of local merchants and they all agree that it would be very unwise for the Merchants' Association, as a body, to pass a resolution requesting the President not to accept the resignation of Governor Carter. Evidently Carter has made up his mind to retire, they argue, and why not let him do so. In Honolulu today, this feeling is general. Even if Carter decided to withdraw his resignation, he could not wield the power or have the influence he once commanded. Another phase of the question is to be considered. Will the President want to retain Carter after the Governor's hasty action? Will he want to keep a man who quits when he meets with opposition?

The erroneous theory that the governor is the head of the Republican party is responsible for a good many of our political misunderstandings. In American politics neither the president, the governors in their respective states, nor mayors in their cities are the heads of the party, unless they make themselves such by the force of their personality and their political acumen. In American politics the party is considered a pretty big thing, and the head of it must be a man who can lead and guide. It is pretty hard to drive American parties.

Active, intelligent public discussion and sentiment on our domestic politics is a great deal more valuable than "harmony" without it. All kinds of abuses and evils flourish where there is no public discussion and active interest and controversy to disturb it. Far better for the community, constant unrest in its political affairs, than the chloroforming effect of "harmony" through suppression of public opinion.

Governor Carter's resignation seems to have developed the general impression that we have plenty of gubernatorial timber, among our resources, anyway.

To retire to private life is the right that every American citizen possesses. The Constitution guarantees this.

The announcement that the Merchants' Association will meet to ask the President not to accept Carter's resignation, seems premature. The sentiment among the members seems overwhelmingly against calling a meeting on the subject and just as strongly against taking the proposed action.

The cruiser Bayan having been raised it is up to her to "see" what is left of the Russian navy.

An anxious correspondent is informed that Supervisor H. T. Moore is not a member of the Planters' Association even though he is an undertaker.

An indication of the changes in even social habits which a change in methods of transportation will work, unobserved, was pointed out recently by a

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lady who had just given a dancing party in honor of her daughter. She said that in the old days, with such a number of guests as she had there would have been a string of carriages at the door requiring two policemen to keep them in line, and the dancing would have been kept up until two or three o'clock in the morning. But now, dancing parties do not necessarily mean a large number of carriages at the door, and dancing is over by half-past eleven so that the guests may catch the last car to their homes.

Honolulu must be a dreadfully evil community. The Advertiser has discovered that the band "Is the one harmless amusement of the people and it has always been that." The Advertiser modestly overlooks the amusement of reading its own columns.

It will probably be interesting news to Robert Barr to learn that he was once editor of the Edinburgh University magazine "Student." Barr was never a student at Edinburgh. He is a Canadian, was a school teacher in Ontario and broke into literary work through the Detroit Free Press.

"The letter" says a distinguished personage "was mailed in the 19th of June, before anybody could have known how the election was to result." Tut! Tut! A careful perusal of the columns of the Star for many days prior to the 19th enabled all of the readers of this great family journal to know who was going to be elected.

Tippoo Tib, whose name figured extensively in the cables a short generation ago, is dead. Stanley made him famous. He was perhaps one of the shrewdest and most unscrupulous slave traders that ever wrung gold out of human blood and suffering, and yet in many ways he was of great service to Stanley, and through him to the world.

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